

THE CARAVAN CLUB – SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HINTLESAHM
WEDNESDAY 19th November 2008.

Present

Chairman	Derek Pannell
Vice Chair	Brian Southgate
Vice Chair/ Webmaster	Trevor Smith
Treasurer	Janet Dobson
Secretary	Tracy Totman
Rally Secretary	Nigel Berry
Rally Equipment	Daren Fitch
Equipment Sales	Gary Maples
Registration Secretary	Sheena McCartney
Publicity	Rosanna Waterson
Junior Crewe	Denis Mattocks
Newsletter	Alan Green
Newsletter Assistant	Colin Goddard

1.0 Apologies for Absence **ACTION**
1.1 Christopher Stammers

2.0 Previous Minutes
2.1 Approved by Brian Southgate and Seconded by Daren Fitch

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Amendments to previous minutes
5.1 Norfolk won fishing trophy and Diane Preston came second not first in the ladies competition.
18.2 JD stated that she already kept a defaulters list and felt this was a role for the treasurer as part of the accounts. There arose a discussion around the AGM ruling about defaulters and the treasurer discretion. People who are at present not fined are :- a) Non centre Members
b) First ralliers
c) Very good reasons for non-attendance e.g. hospitalisation, serious illness car or caravan breakdowns etc.

It was decided to leave the defaulters list with JD but she was to bring to committee for discussion if the need occurred. The centre was to now charge visiting centres for failing to attend. JD also requested that the rally marshal's contacted non-attendees for the reason for failing to turn up if they did not have a reason and this to be completed on the form in the rally marshal packs.

JD

TS requested to see a copy of the letter that JD sent to non-attendees.

4.0 Chairman's Report

4.1 Nothing to report.

5.0 Vice Chair Report

5.1 BS reported that he had attended the rally at Abbey Wood where there were 18 vans. He had also attended the Children's Christmas party rally, which had been a great success.

6.0 Treasurers Report.

6.1 Balance of accounts stand at £7369, which was looking extra healthy due to the fact that the Thorpeness Rally had been late in being sorted and there were extra

monies in the account.

6.2 The breakdown for expenditure over the past year was as follows:-

- a) £1258 on rally books
- b) £269 on gifts
- c) £80 on Newsletter
- d) £84 Website

The grant this year went up to £1850

Equipment Sales had made £49 profit.

6.3 Thorpeness had made a profit of £528 and following discussion it was decided to make a donation of £310 to the RNLI.

6.4 Instead of sending Christmas cards to other centres it was decided to make a donation again to charity of £100. The Fire Service will receive the money this year.

6.5 The Caravan Club has made a loss of £2,000,000 due to the Icelandic Banking collapse.

7.0 **Secretary Report.**

7.1 Current membership stands at 1111

7.2 The Labels had arrived from the Caravan Club along with the end of year mailing list.

7.3 The new 2009 Public Liability Insurance had arrived. Copies to be given to DP and also CG

TT

8.0 **Rally Secretary Report.**

8.1 Rally book has been proof read and should be at the printers by next week.

8.2 Mike Threadgold would like some information of what is on in the Suffolk area to promote the local centres.

8.3 The Rally dates have been sent to the Caravan Club for insertion in the magazine. NB to continue to be proactive in sending Rally information to the Caravan Club.

8.4 The Regional Event and Norfolk and North Essex rallies have been added to the Rally Book.

8.5 There had still not been a 4B received from North Essex for their proposed rally at the Elizabeth Hotel at Copdock. This would be discussed further when 4B received.

9.0 **Equipment Sales.**

9.1 Both BS and DP now have equipment to sell at rallies.

9.2 GM had investigated the cost of changing toilet fluid and it was decided by the Committee to sell all current stocks before buying in new stock.

9.3 It was suggested that rally equipment be displayed at rallies rather than just being announced that it was for sale with whoever was selling it. This may encourage more sales as people could see what was for sale.

9.4 GM also asked for the committee to consider if it was viable to sell extra equipment in the boxes such as bulbs, fuses etc. DP requested that GM made a list of things he felt could be sold and the costs involved.

GM

10 **Rally Equipment**

10.1 DF now has all the equipment

10.2 40 new rally signs would cost £1.58 each. It was agreed to go ahead and order.

10.3 Some of the notice boards need new Perspex. DP to provide.

10.4 Fire extinguishers are still with BS who will have them serviced for the New Year.

DF

DP

11.0 **Sports Officer**

11.1 No report

- 12.0 Registration Secretary**
12.1 The rally lists do not have enough information on them. The member's full name and full caravan club number is required to kept accurate records.
- 13.0 Publicity**
13.1 All adverts for rally book in a total of 15 which made £1645
- 14.0 Junior Crew**
14.1 Christmas Party great success had a total of 54 children. DM would like to thank Father Christmas and also Andy the Clown. Andy the Clowns daughter had sent her thanks for the Christmas gift that she had received from the party. There had been some damage to a door at Hallowtree during the weekend but there was to be no further action.
14.2 Junior Crew Passport for 2009 are now available and being distributed.
14.3 2008 Jnr Crew Passports are due in ready for presentation of plaques at the Natter and Chatter in the new year.
- 15.0 Newsletter**
15.1 Nothing much received as yet.
- 16.0 Webmaster**
16.1 TS mentioned that several Suffolk Centre members where using Face book. It was requested that the Suffolk Centre Logo be removed.
- 17.0 Regional Meeting report.**
17.1 Sue Wade had requested a copy of all Committee Members names and addresses. TT
17.2 The Guild Hall dinner had been deferred until 2010 but there would still be a rally on the original dates at Abbey Wood.
17.3 Could the names of the Caravan Main Dealers in the area be e-mailed to Mike Threadgold.
17.4 The Dealer Day at Stowmarket Caravans would be held the weekend after Easter 2009
17.5 The Caravan Club has ordered 3 new red flags for each centre. The centres will be asked to make a nominal contribution towards these.
17.6 No rallies are to be booked on CL's for 1010. Mike Threadgold must be informed of any rallies being held on CL's in 2009.
17.7 It is intended to have a workshop at the next Regional Meeting for all the committee members of each centre in the region. Meeting to be held at Copdock on 03/01/2009
17.8 The Caravan Club will not be sponsoring the Lord Mayors show next year and Mike Threadgold is looking for sponsors so that a float could enter. Cost approx £4500.
- 18.0 AOB**
18.1 TS stated that he had some difficulty with the HSBC bank when he tried to sort out his ID for signing centre cheques. JD stated all he had to do was present ID, which TS had done so this should be sufficient.
- 19.0 Date of next meeting.**
10th December 2008 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.16p.m.

